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ABSTRACT

A system for preventing unauthorized use of digital content that can prevent unauthorized use of digital content and can reliably collect a charge for secondary use is provided. The system for preventing unauthorized use may include: a distributing recording medium α on which a content file having header information "A" and a data body "B" is recorded in a state of lacking play information "A1" indispensable for playing the data body "B" included in the header information a; a management center managing use of the content file on the distributing recording medium α and which can deliver the prepared play information "A1" of the header information "A" as piece data via a communication line β ; and a digital content playing device which is a device used for playing the content file on the distributing recording medium α and has a function of communicating via the communication line β with the management center.